

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 767

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Bryan Atchley upon receiving the 13th Annual Sevier County Citizenship Award.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those public servants who, throughout their careers, have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of excellence while endeavoring to improve the lives of those in their communities and in this State; and

WHEREAS, Bryan C. Atchley, long-serving mayor of Sevierville, is one such public servant, and he recently received the 13th Annual Sevier County Citizenship Award from the Sevier County Advisory Board of Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the mayor of Sevierville since 1995, Mr. Atchley has served the City of Sevierville in numerous capacities for over thirty years. Between 1979 and 1989, Bryan Atchley rendered sterling service as an alderman for the City, and his work as mayor has garnered praise both near and far, as has his service as the chairman of the Sevier County Urban Growth Committee, a post he has held since 1998; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, Bryan Atchley has long been a proud resident of Sevierville. He was a member of the 1970 graduating class of Sevier County High School, and in 1973, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Carson Newman College; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to the betterment of his community has been recognized by many, and Mayor Atchley was recently recognized by the Tennessee Municipal League as 2013 Mayor of the Year, an honor most befitting his many contributions to the growth and success of Sevierville; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Atchley is also a firm believer in the importance of civic involvement and has held membership in a number of community-based organizations. He has served as a member of the Walters State Community College Advisory Board since 1996; was a member of the Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic board of directors from 1998 until 2002; is a past president of the Sevierville Lions Club, the Sevier County High School Football Boosters, and the Sevierville Little League Baseball Association; was a member of the Sevierville/Sevier County Volunteer Fire Department for fifteen years; and in 2005, served as the chairman of the Sevier County United Way; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the highest ideals of professionalism, Bryan Atchley has, over the years, gained the respect and admiration of many, while serving as an inspiration to many more. His verve and vitality, unwavering even in the face of adversity, has inspired all who know him, and his victories over prostate and oral cancer stand as a tribute to his passion for life and all it offers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Atchley is also devoted to family values of the highest order and is most appreciative of the love and support he shared with his wife before her death, and he continues to share with his children, Bryan, Jr. and Ann Marie, and his grandchildren, Ansley and Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bryan Atchley stands as one of the finest examples of public service in the State of Tennessee, and it is fitting that this body recognize him for his many years of dedicated service and for the 13th Annual Sevier County Citizenship Award fittingly bestowed upon him by the Sevier County Advisory Board of Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc.; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Mayor Bryan Atchley upon his receipt of 13th Annual Sevier County Citizenship Award, extending our deepest gratitude for many years of

service to his community and this State and our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.